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AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

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SUBJECT: CIVILIAN PRISONERS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN JUNE 3 COMMUNIST
ATTACK ON BIEN HOA

CONCPAC FOR POLAD

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOREIGN PRESS HAS PICKED UP A STORY
THAT THE GVN-HELD PRISONERS WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE JUNE 3
COMMUNIST ROCKET ATTACK ON BIEN HOA INCLUDED SOME "POLITICAL
PRISONERS". LOCAL PRESS REPORTS HAVE SHOWN CONFUSION ON THIS
POINT. CONGEN BIEN HOA HAS ASCERTAINED THE FOLLOWING:

2. THE PRISONERS KILLED AND WOUNDED WERE AMONG A GROUP OF 93
FEMALES HELD AT THE TAN HIEP NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER AT
BIEN HOA. ALL OF THIS GROUP WERE CLASSIFIED AS VIET CONG (VCI)
AND HAD BEEN PUT IN DETENTION AFTER HEARINGS BY PROVINCE SECURITY
COMMITTEES UNDER THE USUAL AN TRI PROCEDURES. ALL HAD BEEN DE-
TAINED AFTER THE JANUARY 1973 CEASEFIRE (HENCE THEIR NON-INCLUSION
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AMONG THE 5,081 "COMMUNIST OFFENDERS" RECENTLY EXCHANGED WITH THE

OTHER SIDE). ALL WERE UNDERGOING A REHABILITATION PROCESS THAT WOULD HAVE SET THEM FREE WITHIN A WEEK. THIRTY WERE KILLED IN THE ROCKETING AND 55 WERE WOUNDED, LEAVING JUST EIGHT UNHURT. MARTIN

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